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A QUESTION
OF AGENDA

EAST-WEST negotiations for a "summit" meeting have now shifted from problems of preparatory methods to the question of agenda and representation following the statement by the American Secretary of State, Mr. Foster Dulles, that he does not consider a preliminary Foreign Ministers' conference is essential.

The announcement clearly removes a major obstacle to a meeting of heads of government as it is likely that France can now be brought around to the Anglo-American point of view.

Willingness

BUT without some Soviet willingness to broaden the scope of the talks to include topics proposed by the other Western governments, the preliminary exchanges, however conducted, remain likely to run into deadlock.

A further important topic for preliminary exchanges is the question of which states would attend a top-level meeting.

Here the "Big Four" (Britain, the United States, France and Russia) have not yet taken up firm positions, but possible difficulties remain over the question of China and in a wider conference—East Germany.

But the common desire by Russia and the West to halt the arms race is the key to agreement at the proposed talks.

Danger

THE danger is that the agenda for the talks might become so long as to be unworkable or so short as to be meaningless.

That the heads of government would have to meet in genuine privacy, and eschew propagandist speeches addressed to the world at large, is the first essential.

The second is that they must not be content with simply breaking the ice, but must complete agreement on some subject, however limited.

Familiar Topics

ON all the familiar topics of disarmament, nuclear control, Germany, Eastern Europe—and even on the newly fashionable topic of disengagement the positions of the two sides appear to be as divided as ever.

Perhaps the search for limited agreement is best approached from a different angle. The common ground between Russia and the West is that modern armaments are appallingly dangerous.

It seems certain that both sides would welcome the chance to divert money from armaments for the sake of their own people, and because of the competition in aid to underdeveloped countries in which they are all engaged.

In Your Saturday Mail

In tomorrow's weekend China Mail:

★ Hongkong is threatened with "Massive Retaliation" for trademark piracy by Hongkong firms—by ROBIN HUTCHISON;

★ The last days of Shanghai—by JOHN LUFT;

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SECURITY COUNCIL CALLED

Sudan's
Complaint
To Be
Heard

New York, Feb. 21. The United Nations Security Council will meet at 2000 hours GMT today on the Sudanese complaint of Egypt's claim on two zones of its territory, it was announced last night.

Egypt has announced plans to extend into the two border areas tomorrow a plebiscite which will be held throughout Egypt and Syria for election of a new United Arab Republic.

Armed Conflict

The Sudanese Foreign Minister, Mohammed A. Mahboub, warned today that his country would take military action if Egypt went through with the plan.

ARAB LEAGUE

Khartoum, Feb. 20. Sudan has called for an immediate meeting of the Arab League to consider its complaint that Egyptian troops are concentrating on the Sudanese border, official sources revealed today.

The sources said the Government instructed its Ambassador to Cairo, Yusuf Altnay, to lodge the application with the Secretary-General of the Arab League. —United Press.

The Sudanese Ambassador, Yacoub Osman, submitting the request for an emergency Security Council meeting to the UN Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjold, said Sudan was determined to defend its sovereignty as a result of "this breach of the peace" which he said, if not controlled, may develop into armed conflict."

It was reported today in Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, that Egypt was moving up troops along the Egyptian-Sudan border in the area of the two disputed zones, creating a dangerous tension.

Concentration

Mr. Osman submitted to Mr. Hammarskjold note from the Sudanese Premier, Abdullah Khalil, the text of which was issued early today in Khartoum. It asked the Council "to meet immediately and use its good offices to stop the impending Egyptian aggression."

Mr. Osman, asking a voice for himself in the meeting, requested an "urgent meeting" of the Council to discuss the grave situation existing on the Sudan-Egyptian border, resulting from the massed concentrations of Egyptian troops moving toward the Sudanese frontier. —Reuter and United Press.

CONSERVATIVES WIN SWEEPING APPROVAL



Mr. Harold Macmillan, the British Prime Minister, acknowledging the greetings of members of the Young Conservatives Victoria Branch at No. 10 Downing Street last week when he returned home after his Commonwealth tour. —Keystone.

Franco-Tunisian Crisis Deteriorating

Tunis, Feb. 20. The Tunisian Government told the British and American Ambassadors here today that the Franco-Tunisian crisis was worsening.

Britain and the United States have offered their good offices to help settle the dispute.

A Tunisian Foreign Ministry spokesman said M. Mokkadem, warned that British Ambassador, Mr. Angus Malcolm, and the United States Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Jones, of the seriousness of last night's incidents in Remada in the extreme south of Tunisia, where three local officials were reported to have been kidnapped by French troops and held until this morning.

Violation

Mr. Mokkadem said it was a violation of International Law.

The French say that a jeep

blew up a mine at the

aerodrome at Remada, seriously wounding two French

soldiers, and the officials were

brought into the camp for

questioning.

The Tunisian Foreign Ministry spokesman said M. Mokkadem asked the British and American Ambassadors to tell their Governments of the deterioration in Franco-Tunisian relations and the worsening situation in Tunisia.

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Base in the Azores. Other

search craft were reported

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—United Press.

USN PLANE VANISHES

London, Feb. 20. An US Navy Constellation

patrol plane carrying up to 23

men vanished on a mid-Atlantic

flight today and Air Rescue

units launched an immediate

umbrella search over freezing,

storm-whipped seas between

Newfoundland and the Azores.

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Bank Loan

Cairo, Feb. 20.

The World Bank President,

Eugene Black, will arrive in

Cairo next month to discuss

the possibility of a bank loan

to improve the operations of

the Suez Canal. It was learned

today. —United Press.

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DAVE BECK GETS 15 YEARS

Seattle, Feb. 20.

Saudi Arabia is attempting to

form a third Arab Union on a

federal basis in conjunction with

Kuwait and Bahrain, the inde-

pendent daily newspaper "Sawt

Alarab" reported today.

The new union would control

75 per cent of the Middle

East oil. —United Press.

COMMONS ENDORSES FOREIGN POLICY

London, Feb. 20. Prime Minister Harold Macmillan won a sweeping Parliamentary endorsement tonight for his policy calling for new summit talks with the Russians, but only after sufficient preparation to offer fair chances of success.

The House of Commons wound up a two-day foreign affairs debate with a 308 to 242 vote in favour of the Conservative Government.

The vote—a technical one calling for the adjournment of the House—was demanded by Labor to voice its disapproval of the Government's foreign policy.

Reiterated

The Prime Minister, in a closing speech winding up the debate, reiterated the statement he made yesterday that he favours a new summit meeting.

But he flatly rejected insistent Labour opposition demands that a date should be fixed immediately.

"To do this unilaterally on my part tonight would seem to be an act of folly," the Prime Minister declared, "I can think of no more certain way of killing the summit conference."

He cautioned against a mere propaganda success in a new meeting with the Russians. But he said, if the conference is carefully prepared, "it might obtain some modest advance."

"Then, however small the advance, an immense change would come," he predicted. "Because there would be always the possibility of moving on to some further steps." —United Press.

DISMISSED

The broadcast quoted

message from Somba saying that

the battalions were well-trained

and fully equipped and

were prepared to leave at a

moment's notice.

After Somba had made this

statement himself, he was dis-

missed from his army post and

ordered to be arrested by the

Djakarta authorities.

The radio later broadcast a

message from the revolutionary

government's Defence minister,

Burhanuddin Harahap, to Colonel

Somba, telling him: "Do not at-

ack first unless compelled to"

and at the same time thanking

him for his offer of reinforce-

ment to the Padang govern-

ment. —France-Press.

DJUANDA'S CABINET MEETS

Djakarta, Feb. 20.

The Indonesian Cabinet met

in special session tonight

for the second time this

week, presumably to dis-

cuss the Sumatra pro-

clamation of a Revolu-

tionary government.

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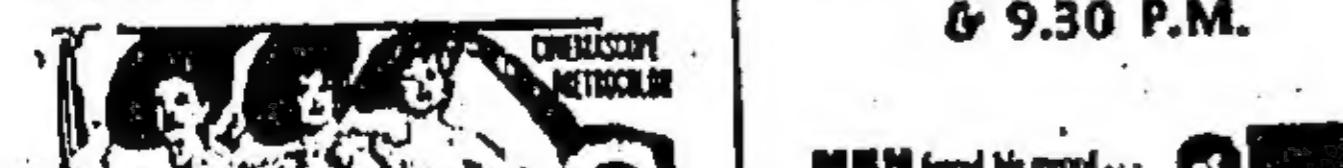
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KOREA: A
SHARP US
RETORT
TO PEKING

Washington, Feb. 20.—The State Department spokesman said today that the Chinese Communists could protest until they were blue in the face, but the fact remained that they, and not the United Nations or the United States were the aggressors in Korea.

The spokesman, Mr Lincoln White, made this comment when questioned for the second day on China's announcement that it would withdraw all its troops from North Korea by the end of the year.

The State Department yesterday called on China to follow its announced troop withdrawal by an agreement to achieve the unification of North and South Korea through free elections under United Nations supervision.

Mr White was asked today if United Nations troops, the majority of whom are U.S. troops, would be withdrawn from South Korea after such elections had been held.

Conceivable

Mr White replied that if the elections were held, and if the situation was such that the United Nations forces would not be required in South Korea, a complete withdrawal would be "conceivable," but he would not say anything more about possible future events.

Mr White also said that the United States would not accept a Chinese proposal that a body of neutral nations should supervise elections in Korea.

He said the United States stood by U.N. resolutions which called for free, unfettered elections under United Nations supervision.—Reuter.

In Case The
President
Falls Ill

Washington, Feb. 20.—A House of Representatives sub-committee today approved a Bill providing that a Vice President should decide when to assume temporarily the duties of a disabled President.

Under the proposed Bill, a commission composed largely of senior Congressional members would make recommendations to the Vice President, but the commission's finding would not be binding on him.

The Republican Administration has contended that a constitutional amendment is necessary to state how to determine when a President is disabled, therefore it appears that if Congress passes the proposed Bill it will be vetoed by President Eisenhower.—Reuter.

SHIPWRECKED MEN
TELL OF DRAMA

"We were almost too weak to signal"

Norfolk, Feb. 20.—Two Italian seamen who clung to an overturned lifeboat for 16 hours in the raging Atlantic after abandoning their sinking ship on Tuesday said today they were almost too weak to signal when a rescue vessel hove into sight.

Chief Officer Albo Cardillo, 31, of Trieste, and machinist Giuseppe Valentini, 35, of Molo Deltino, arrived here today aboard the Navy destroyer escort Lester, praising a heroic New Jersey sailor and the radio operator of their ill-fated vessel, the ore ship *St. Bonitas* which went down after springing a leak 180 miles east of Cape Lookout, North Carolina.

Cardillo and Valentini said they "never gave up hope."

They were in hospital here suffering from shock. Cardillo also suffered a bruised shoulder. Twenty-one bodies of their shipmates were recovered and a 22nd was still missing and presumed dead. Three other survivors were aboard the cargo-passenger ship *President Adams* bound for Cristobal, Panama.

Cardillo blamed the sinking on the shifting of part of the

IRA "Chief
Of Staff"
Interviewed
On TV

London, Feb. 20.—MYSTERY man described as "Chief of Staff of the Irish Republican Army" appeared in an independent (commercial) television programme here (tonight)—but his face was not seen by viewers. The Irish Republican army is an outlawed organisation pledged to fight until Northern Ireland is united with the Irish Republic.

After film of I.R.A. destruction had been shown on tonight's programme, the "Chief of Staff" was asked how he could justify such activities.

He replied: "Force is justifiable because it is the only means left to us. We are fighting in defence of a republican government."

Viewers were told that an investigation had proved the man, who spoke with a strong Irish brogue, to be genuine.

The "Chief of Staff" asked for his organisation's final objective, declared: "That we shall overthrow you or die."

The interview was filmed last year—Chips Special.

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CABLE
BRIEFS

San Leandro, Feb. 20. Franklin E. Jarvis, a convicted San Francisco murderer who escaped from a prison camp, had an intriguing story for authorities who recaptured him here less than 24 hours later.

Jarvis, 55, said the reason he fled was that officials had refused to give him much support for his feet, and he said the reason he got as far as San Leandro from the Southern Prison Camp was that he obtained directions from a San Francisco police officer.—United Press.

Los Angeles, Feb. 20. Officials of the Union Rescue Mission, a Skid Row refuge, suffered a severe strain on their faith in human nature when a man telephoned an offer of a couple of ducks. Their faith stood the test, though, because he followed through with two delicious ducks. The donor's name: a Mr. Mullard.—United Press.

Memphis, Feb. 20. The City and Jessie Irby are square at last.

Irby showed up yesterday and claimed the \$8.00 pay he left behind when he quit his job as a labourer five years ago.—United Press.

Chicago, Feb. 20. A restaurant seeking to capitalize on the approach of February 22 and the fact that it has an employee with a famous namesake, is advertising: "George Washington works here."—United Press.

Chicago, Feb. 20. Mrs Lucy Lindeman, 71, won a decree of separate maintenance from her husband, Peter, also 71, after testifying that she "layed all day to prepare fine meals" for Lindeman, who gave the food to the dog, "plate and all."—United Press.

Atlanta, Feb. 20. The Georgia Senate has passed a measure ordering revision of the State song to "make it more singable."—United Press.

London, Feb. 20. A Judge ruled yesterday that political differences are not grounds for divorce.

He dismissed the petition of Mrs Louisa Colledge, who had charged that her husband, George, was cruel to her because among other things he was "a sincere believer in Socialism" while she had "a Conservative way of thinking."—United Press.

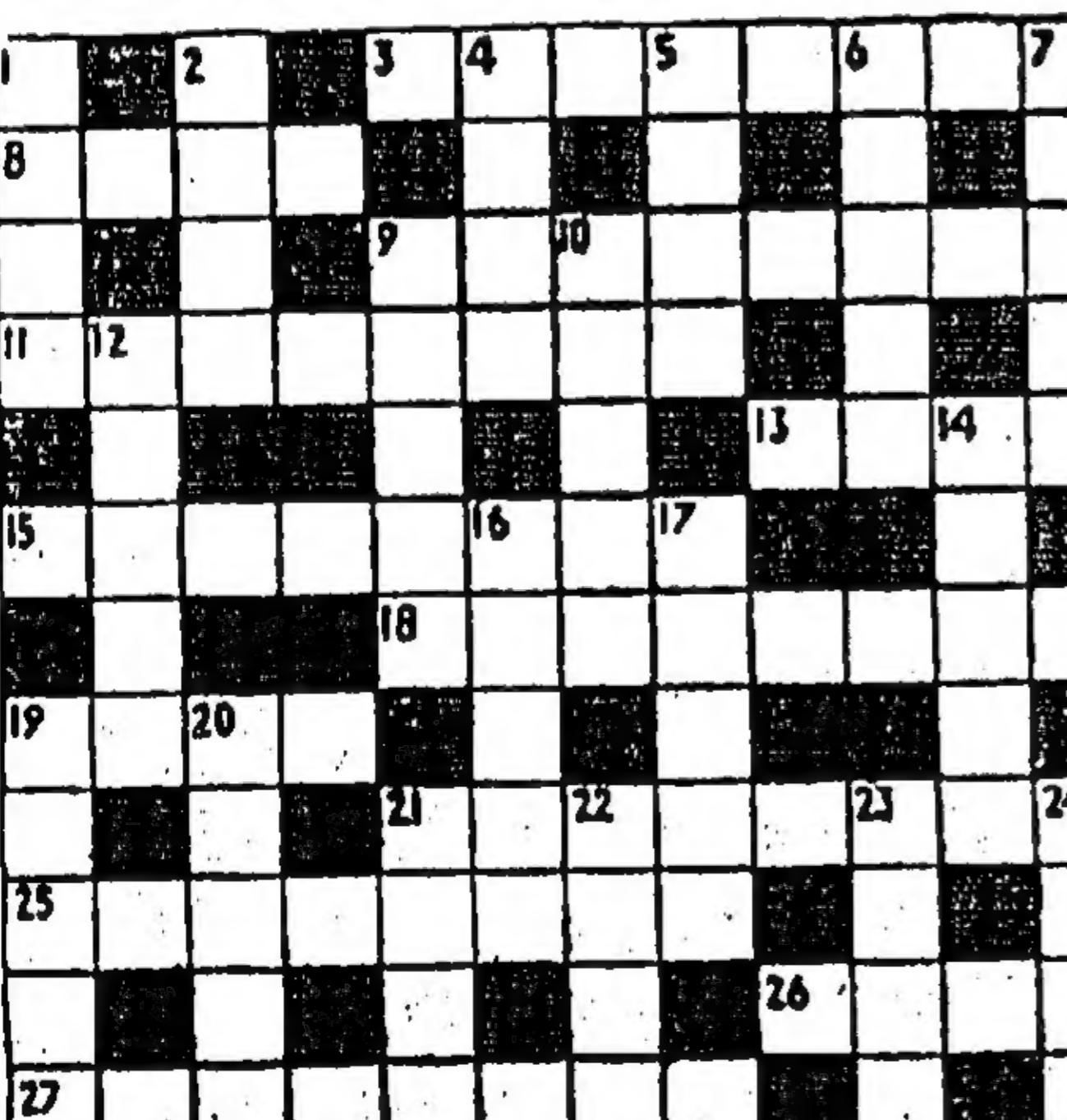
Permission To Wed Princess?

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A communiqué from the Swedish Court said tonight that Mr. Douglas-Home was expected in Stockholm at the beginning of next month, and that he would meet Princess Margaretha.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Polite conflict, it seems (6, 3).
8 Pay for use (6).
9 Obviously strong (6).
11 Territorial division (8).
13 Do some cleaning? (4).
15 Fester (4).
16 Without warning (6).
19 Motoring like (6).
21 What's it like (6).
23 Mr. Maugham'sshire (8).
28 Spranger on a sports field? (4).
27 Game veteran? (5, 5).

DOWN
1 Cut of meat (4).
2 Three in harmony (4).
3 Spanish town (4).
5 It's in Lancashire (4).
6 Run off without paying out (6).
7 Comparatively uncommon (6).
9 He had the golden touch (6).
10 Burn (6).
12 Old magistrate (6).
14 At pleasure (4, 3).
16 Remedies (6).
17 Official proclamation (6).
18 Great relish (5).
20 Ready for the fray (5).
21 Sweet & acid! (4).
22 Burn again (4).
23 Grovelling girl (4).
24 Webs in just (4).

THURSDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 1. Sash, 5. Farce, 8. Album, 9. Olympia, 10. Nudes, 11. Rivers, 12. Hill, 13. Marks, 14. Decade, 15. Teaser, 20. Stems, 22. Tier, 23. Stole, 24. Sophs, 25. Idioms, 27. Grand, 28. Stand, 29. Gamely. Down: 1. Shickers, 2. Immolate, 3. Half, 4. Sliders, 5. Funeral, 6. Aimed, 7. Crest, 14. Seminole, 16. Garter, 18. D-a-s-a-d, 19. Ceiling, 20. Design, 21. Thrust, 24. Rides.

Reply To Eleven US Governors

Ike Confident In The Future
Belief In Soundness
Of The US
Economy

Thomasville, Feb. 20. President Eisenhower declared today that nothing but a loss of "tough-minded confidence in the future" can plunge the U.S. into a deep and long economic decline.

"I believe that the underlying growth factors in the economy remain vigorous, and every indication is that they will reassert themselves later in the year," the President said.

The President expressed this belief in a telegram sent today to Governor Averell Harriman of New York, in reply to a telegram from Mr. Harriman and 10 other governors on February 13, expressing their views on the current economic situation.

A RISE IN
PART-TIME
WORKERS

Bonn, Feb. 20. The number of short-time workers in West Germany rose from 20,571 in December, 1957 to 44,008 in January, 1958.

Unemployment insurance authorities said that the textile and clothing industries were worst affected by short time working.

Workers in 17 textile factories in Hesse are on strike for increases of up to 25 pfennigs (about fivepence sterling) an hour.

Textile workers are also on strike in Württemberg and Lower Saxony.—China Mail Special.

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Futile H-Test Protest
BAD WEATHER FORCES BACK PACIFIST CREW

San Pedro, Feb. 20. FOUR amateur seamen who wanted to set up a sea-going picket line of U.S. H-test in the Pacific sailed toward the mainland today, forced back on the first leg by bad weather.

The four — off course and behind schedule on their 30-foot ketch Golden Rule — turned around yesterday near the coast of Hawaii to Hawaii. They had suffered bad weather ahead in their voyage to Hawaii.

The crew, affiliated with the Non-Violent Action Against Nuclear Weapons for Non-Violent Action Against Nuclear Weapons, had met "incredible" weather with 40 knot winds, had a broken boom, a seacock overran and were short of water,

Gaillard
Prepares
To Stake
His Govt

Paris, Feb. 20. French Premier, Felix Gaillard, said here today that his government was determined to continue the parliamentary debate on the reform of government institutions to its conclusion, even if it put the existence of the government in the balance.

Gaillard, who was speaking at a luncheon of the French Economic Geography Society, said: "We have a duty to lead the debate to its conclusion in order to put an end to governmental instability.

"It is the fate of France which is the question."

How he asked, could the government assume such heavy responsibilities in all domains if at the same time the question arises: "Will the government be in office next week?"

Referring to the economic situation, Gaillard said: "The respite which foreign aid gives us for the year 1958 should permit us to restore the situation."

"If we do not do this we shall be placed, in 1959, before insurmountable difficulties, because the aid which we have been obliged to ask will not be renewed."—France-Press.

Soundness

The President reviewed steps already taken by the Federal Government as a result of the present economic cut, such as increased spending on the national highway building programme, increased letting of defence procurement contracts, and other measures.

"I shall continue to take, or

propose to the Congress, such steps as can contribute effectively to the health of the economy and the welfare of our people," Mr. Eisenhower assured Mr. Harriman.

Freedom

Miami, Feb. 20. The Coast Guard today rushed to the aid of a 70-foot yacht drifting in the Atlantic off Miami and started a search for a 30-foot sailboat that has been overdue for at least four days with two persons aboard.

The 70-foot yacht Greeting III radioed for assistance when its engines broke down on a trip from Bimini to Miami. Six persons were aboard.

A Coast Guard plane hovered over the scene, some 15 miles northwest of Bimini, awaiting the arrival of the cutter *Travis* which will attempt to tow the Greeting III to Miami.

"You will agree, I know, that all of us in positions of trust and authority have a great responsibility in these times to help the needs of our people and to do so in a way that will strengthen, and not weaken, a tough-minded confidence in the future."

"We must actively seek to speed the recreation of productive job opportunities for those out of work in ways that will not undermine confidence and thus jeopardise the jobs of the more than 63,000,000 Americans who are at work today."

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"Only if such a confidence is impaired — and thereby the daily decisions of millions of Americans adversely affected — can our present difficulties develop into a deep and protracted decline!"—United Press.

The 30-foot sailboat left Nassau on February 11 with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Finley and their dog aboard, bound for their home dock at Port Lauderdale.—United Press.

CURIOSITY DID
NOT PAY

Rome, Feb. 20. Three private detectives were arrested here today for installing a tiny radio transmitter no bigger than a box of matches in the bed of a Mrs. Barbara Wolfson, at the request of her husband.

World Bank Vice-President William A. Dill, of Great Britain, who acts as co-ordinator and "moderator" of the talks, described the atmosphere as "very friendly."

The compensation talks opened yesterday between Egypt and representatives of the now

French Canal Company with a World Bank delegation sitting in as mediator.—United Press.

Mr. Wolfson, though separated from his wife, was said to be curious to know what went on in the bed.

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Last Edition?

London, Feb. 20. The right-wing British weekly *Time and Tide* will go out of existence on March 22 unless new financial support can be found, the magazine's director, Lady Rhondda, announced today.

Founded in 1920, *Time and Tide* at present prints about 30,000 copies each week.

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The Unknown Giant

CHAPTER 4 by SEFTON DELMER

Moment of Victory

BUT DON'T SMILE TOO SOON, ZHUKOV!
—FOR YOUR TURN TOO IS COMING...

IS it a coincidence? Or is it the result of one of the most sinister and most perfectly executed plots in history?

The fact is that all the "comrades in arms" of Stalin, killed or banished from power by Krushchev in his successive coups, are men whom Stalin himself was plotting to "remove" when, most conveniently for them, he was put out of action by a stroke in March 1953.

Laurent Beria, the police chief arrested on Krushchev's denunciation and later executed; Vyacheslav Molotov, Lazar Kaganovich, and Georgi Malenkov, kicked out and banished after Krushchev's coup in June 1957—all four were on Stalin's list for liquidation.

Evidence

FRANKLY, the more I look into the available evidence, the more I am convinced that Krushchev himself had helped put the idea of a new purge into the old tyrant's head.

He was in an excellent position to do so. From the moment of his return to Moscow in December 1949, Krushchev had managed to infiltrate himself closer and closer into the old man's heart, and secure for himself an influential voice deep in his most secret schemings.

Krushchev's purpose? The one that he has now at last achieved: to secure for himself and his supporters in the party machine the ruling voice in all Soviet affairs—political, military, and economic.

It is a significant pointer that, of the 10 men promoted to the ruling Presidium after the removal of Malenkov, Molotov, and Kaganovich last June, five were Krushchev men, whom he had, with Stalin's help, pushed into the Presidium formed in 1952.

They had lost their jobs and their power when Stalin died. Now, with Krushchev riding the crest once more, they are back. And with them eight more apparatchiks, as slavishly devoted to Mr K. as Krushchev himself was to Stalin.

For three years after Stalin's death Krushchev went on extolling Stalin, building himself up as the "most intimate" of Stalin's "comrades in arms," working hard to legitimise himself in his position as First Secretary as Stalin's rightful successor.

Gamble

BUT then came the Twentieth Congress in February 1956. And there Krushchev embarks on the boldest—and as it turns out, the shrewdest—amble in his bid for the succession.

In a dramatic speech delivered to a special midnight session, Krushchev denounces Stalin, demands that the Soviet Union and the party return to the true road of Socialism pointed by Lenin.

It was a tremendous risk he was taking—exposing both himself, the party and the entire Soviet structure to an earthquake of which no one could gauge the consequences.

For those who regard Krushchev as impetuous and unpredictable, here was the perfect evidence. But I fancy he had thought the move over very carefully in all its aspects.

At home, it gave him the heroic stature of a liberator.

Everywhere party operatives flocked to the standard of the new leader, left the men whom he was attacking.

Not that he was home yet.

The revolt in Hungary—coming on top of the Poznan riots—gives his opponents their big chance.

Typically he has his men arrest the Hungarian Government at a meeting to which they had been cordially invited for Soviet-Hungarian negotiations. That ends the Hungarian

revolt, but not the anti-Krushchev intrigue. In April 1957 Krushchev decides that the time has come to have the showdown with his own enemies.

Deliberately he sets a wonderfully innocent-looking stage. He arranges a big 250th-birthday party for the city of Leningrad.

It is of no importance to Krushchev that it is quite impossible to claim the year 1957 as the 250th anniversary of Leningrad, which was founded in 1703. Now is there time for any of the preparatory build-up associated with such festivities.

"What the heck," I can almost hear Krushchev saying in his oath-filled vernacular Russian, "I want to have a party. I want to drink some vodka. Isn't it Leningrad's turn to have a party? What are you talking about?"

The Leningrad celebrations have not officially begun when Krushchev and Premier Bulganin arrive there at the beginning of June on their way to Finland for a State visit.

A vast, jubilant crowd meets them at the station, mobs them wherever they go.

Stampeded

KRUSHCHEV'S agents have arranged for "spontaneous" questions to be hurled at him out of the crowd. They concern the notorious Leningrad purge of 1940, in which under the auspices of Beria and Malenkov almost all the top Leningrad notables have been either executed or deported to the salt-mines.

"We shall not rest," Krushchev roars into the crowd, "until all those have been brought to book who were responsible for these vile deeds." And then, to leave no one in the slightest doubt as to whom he means, he adds, "I would like to have had Comrade Malenkov with me here today, so that he could tell us who was really responsible for the murder and deportation of hundreds of innocent Leningrad citizens."

A monstrous piece of effrontery for the man who, as Stalin's "pupil-in-chief" in the Ukraine, was himself responsible for the murder of thousands of men and women and the deportation of whole populations. For Malenkov, to whom it is immediately reported, it is a bombshell.

Malenkov, Molotov, Kaganovich, and their supporters on the Presidium, are stampeded as the rebels. For these moves are, to the shrewdest—amble in his bid for the succession.

The rebels' plan is to elect Molotov Party Secretary in Krushchev's place, and down-grade Krushchev to Minister of Agriculture.

They also want to dismiss Krushchev's old ally General Serov from his post as head of Security. For these moves are aimed to get the support of Marshal Zhukov, most popular of all the Russian marshals, and a candidate member of the Presidium. But, significantly, he turns them down.

The meeting begins, and the majority of the Presidium are against Krushchev. Even Bulganin appears to join them.

But this is precisely the moment Krushchev has been secretly plotting for all these months.

A group of soldier members of the Central Committee—the lower and more "democratic" level in the party hierarchy—try to storm their way into the Presidium with cries of: "What's going on here?" Other pro-Krushchev members of the Central Committee, sent up by the hidden Krushchev, will follow them.

All make it clear that they will not let him make a

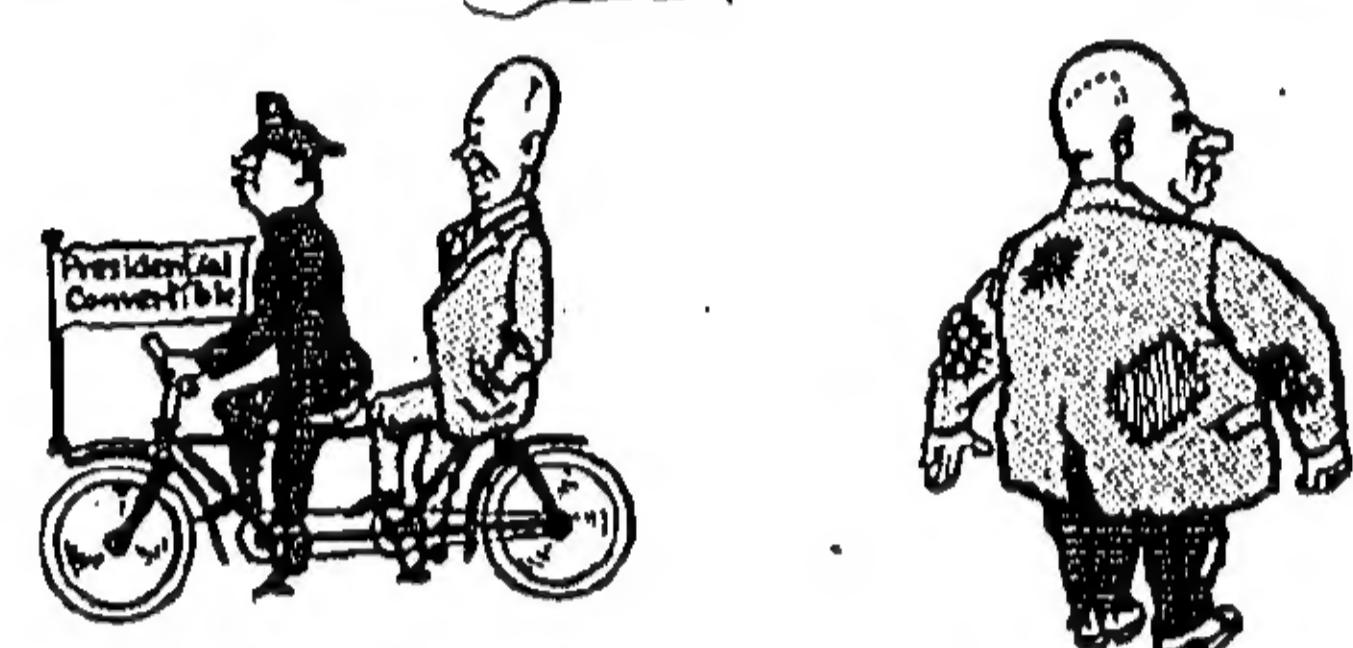
WHAT REALLY GOES ON
BEHIND THAT BLAND
EXTERIOR?—THIS IS A LOOK
BENEATH THE MASK



GERMANY—
UNIFIED, NEUTRALISED
& NO ARMS
... a Cummings Fantasy



No arms budget and microscopic income tax (ex-generals used as traffic policemen).



America and Russia spend so much on Sputniks and rockets that they are almost penitent.



They are so terrified of each other's weapons that they dare not use them. No one fears the Big Two any more, and no one can expect cash from them.



But Germany is rolling in money. German Mark Aid begins.

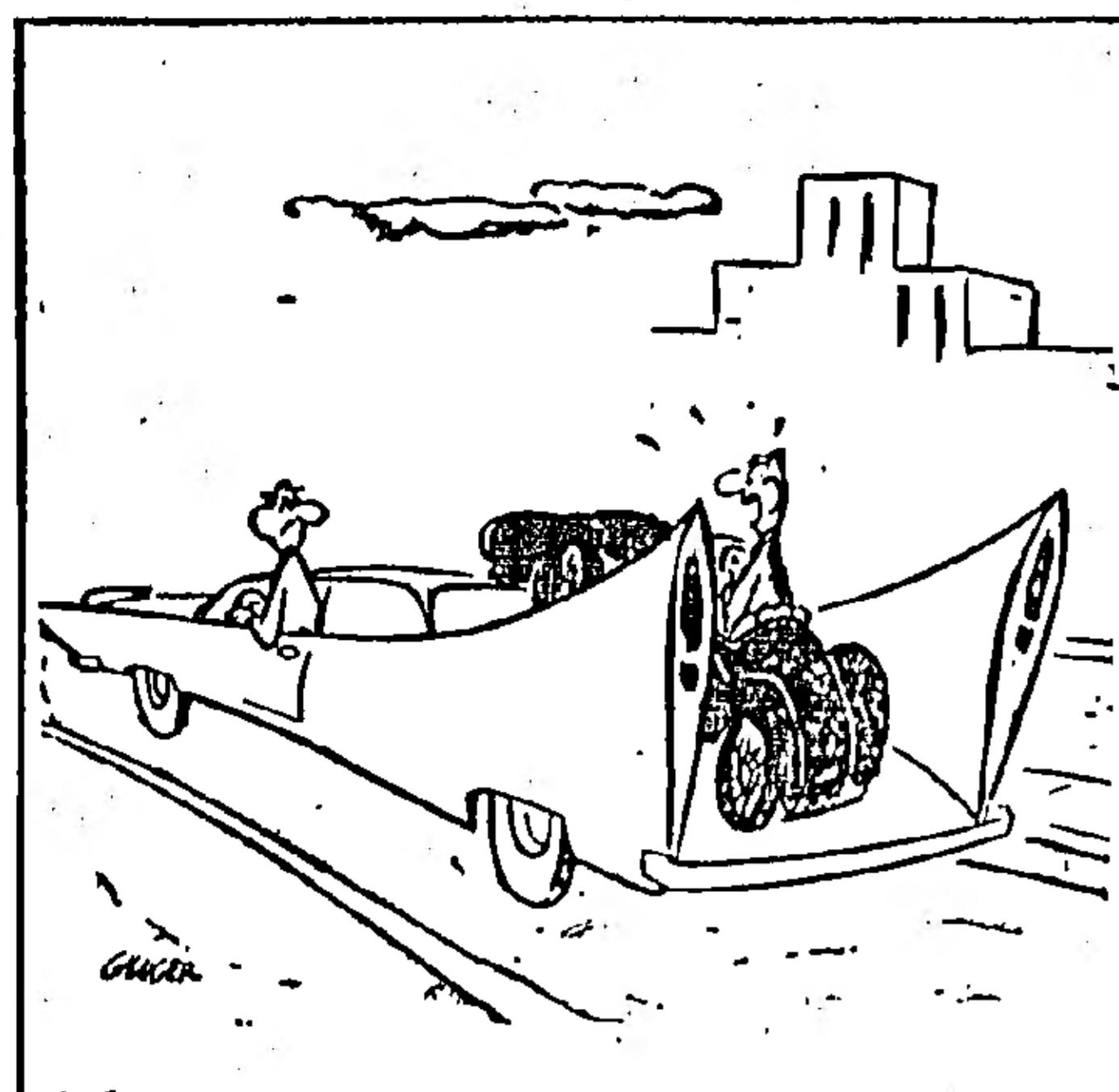


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REFINED SINCE 1884

This Funny World



"Excuse me! I thought you were the approach to the Golden Gate Bridge!"

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

COCKLES which are too small to be gathered should be put back. That is the unwritten, perhaps even the written, law of the game.

And that is why, some days ago, there rang out across a dreary waste of sand and rock the flaming challenge to a dumb-founded group of gatherers: "Hail! In the name of the South Wales Sea Fisheries District Committee!" Dumas or Stanley Weyman could have described the scene for us, and would have made the defiance of the leading cockle-gatherers as exciting as the defiance of the starway by one swashbuckler against the nine infurated men below in the fatigued kitchen. But, alas, the cockle-hunters were armed only with their donkey-carts, and there was no swashbuckling, no "Ventre Saint-Grat!"

Telepolitics

I AGREE with the leading article which ended a comment on what will soon be called telepolitics, with the unimpeachable statement: "The best M.P.s are not necessarily the most beautiful." But if the next election is conducted on television sets, it is the handsome men with acting ability who

• JACOBY
ON BRIDGE

Hard Luck Joe
Squanders Trump

BY OSWALD JACOBY

HARD Luck Joe won the opening diamond lead with the queen and led the king of trumps.

West took his ace and shifted to the six of clubs. East's king forced Joe's ace and Joe drew trumps with his queen and dummy's jack.

Joe's next play was the deuce of spades. West played the three and Joe went into a long huddle and finally played the

NORTH 1
♦J742
♦J1085
♦KJ8
♦Q
WEST 4
♦AQ8
♦A62
♦74
♦J9764
SOUTH (D) 1
♦K9
♦Q983
♦Q2
♦A8532
No one vulnerable
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♦ Pass
1♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
Opening lead—♦7

king. West took his ace and led the four of clubs.

Joe ruffed in dummy with dummy's last trump but had to lose another spade and a club to be down one.

"Well," said Joe. "The year starts off as usual. I couldn't guess the spade because both the ace and queen were wrong."

Also, as usual Joe had produced his own hard luck. The hand was a cinch no matter how the spades lay provided Joe did not indulge in the luxury of pulling all the trumps.

Joe should have led the three of trumps to dummy's jack and then led the spade. West could still have forced dummy to ruff a club whereupon Joe would simply play another spade.

West would be in the lead again but dummy would still have a trump left to keep West from cashing a club.

• CARD Sense •

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West
1♦ Double 1NT. Pass
2 N.T. Pass
You, South, hold:

♦Q976 ♠Q2 ♦A765 ♣A62

What do you do?

A—Did three no-trump. No guarantee of success goes with this bid but you certainly want to try for game.

TODAY'S QUESTION

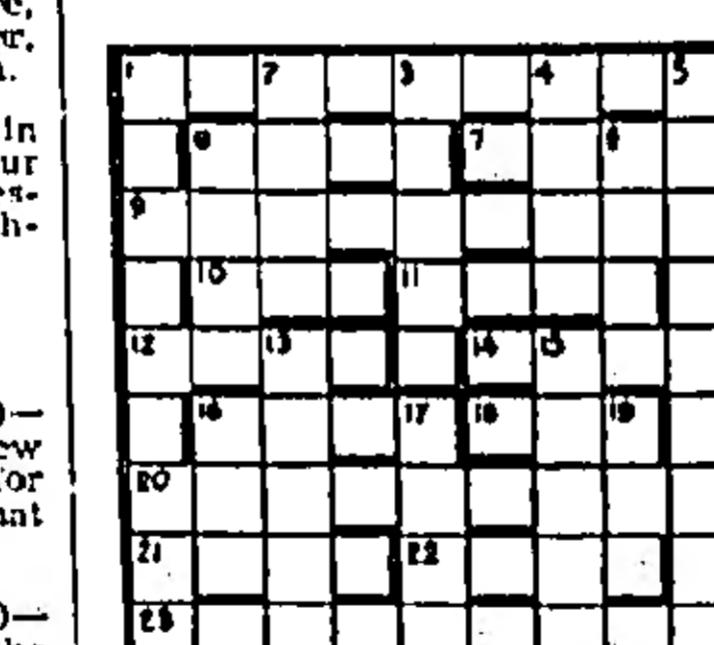
You hold the same hand. The bidding has been:

North East South West
Pass Double 1NT. Pass
Pass 4♦ ?

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



A HARD TASK FOR JIMMY MURPHY

Matt Busby's Assistant Manager Can Start Build-Up Immediately

By ARTHUR WALMSLEY

When the Elizabethan airliner carrying Manchester United rocketed over the runway and ploughed into the ground at Munich the most fantastic British footballing machine of all time came to a halt and died.

Eight of the seventeen Busby "Babes" who had grown to men perished. Of those who survived there can only be reasonable certainty at this stage that Billy Foulkes, Harry Gregg, Bobby Charlton and Ray Wood will play again.

In a split second, the Empire which had taken Matt Busby, former Scottish international, ten years to build up to comparative honours of young and undreamed "possessions."

What happens to Manchester United now? Can they ever regain the greatness of the last decade? The heart says: "Yes and very soon." But the head preaches caution, and answers: "Maybe, maybe—but the road back is going to be long and very hard."

For the United team that was shattered at Munich was no miracle of happy chance. Matt Busby is still uncertain.

Soccer Teams Must Take The Risk Of Travelling By Air

Says TOM FINNEY

Should football teams continue to fly to matches? Yes. Disasters like the Manchester United air crash cannot be allowed to put the clock back. We have just got to learn from them, and try to stop the same thing happening again.

It is less than 12 months since the Football League lifted their ban on air travel to matches. Now the President, Mr Joe Richards, says the Management Committee will reconsider their decision at their next meeting.

In the circumstances, you couldn't expect him to do otherwise.

But there have been some shocking rail disasters, two quite recently at Lewisham and Dagenham. And people do not stop using trains after big crashes, any more than for crew resign after an air crash.

I don't think the Football League will ban air travel again, although they may advise clubs to make air trips in two planes, as Preston North End will probably do when they tour South Africa in the summer.

I have flown two and a half miles across Europe, the United States, South America and South Africa, feeling just as safe as I do at home. And I am not scared of getting to and from again after the United crash.

Maybe I'm a fatalist in these things. I believe that if your number is on the ticket, you've had it, as we used to believe in the Services during the war.

Apart from air and rail crashes, we never realize what a terrible road toll there is until we see the figures.

Show The World

Teams must take the risk of travelling by air, and I think that is what the FA and League will advise them to do. Otherwise, what would happen to Britain in international football, like the World Cup? Are we to stand aside in not-so-splendid isolation, and not show the world that we, who taught others to play football, can still play it as the best of them?

To do this would be a backward step. If air travel is banned, Britain would be regarded as a back number at football.

There has been some controversy over whether the other Saturday's matches should have been postponed in respect to

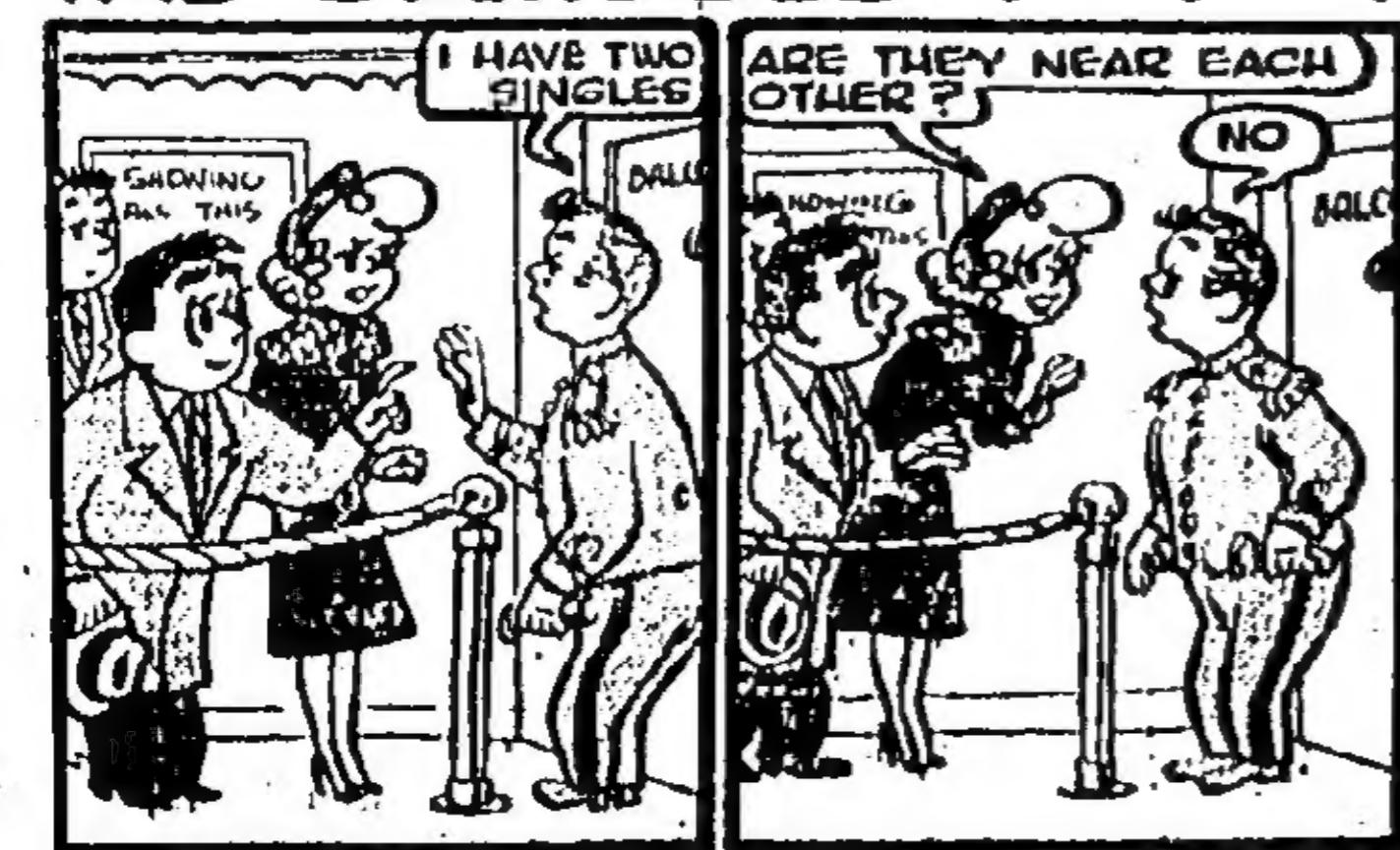
Hashim Khan Seeded In Open Squash Turney

London, Feb. 20. Hashim Khan (Pakistan), recent winner of the Dunlop Open Tournament, is seeded to meet his brother, Azam (New Zealand), in the final of the Open Squash Championships to be played at the Lansdowne Club from March 26 to 31, if both reach that point.

The brothers fought out the Dunlop final with Hashim winning in three straight sets. Mohabbat Khan (Pakistan) an 18-year-old left-hander, is seeded third and Yusuf Khan, the Indian professional at Leicester, is number four. Nochan Khan (Pakistan), last year's winner, is not defending.

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THE GAMBOLES



THE TRAGIC SOCCER TEAM



Britain is mourning the tragedy which befell the Manchester United soccer team when a plane carrying players returning from a match in Belgrade crashed shortly after take-off at Munich Airport. Of the 21 persons who were killed in the crash, seven were players.

Picture shows:—A line-up of the team as it was. Standing, from left: — Trainer Tom Currie (dead); left-half Duncan Edwards (dead); half-back Mark Jones (dead); goalkeeper Ray Wood (injured); inside-right Bobby Charlton (injured); right-back Billy Foulkes (injured); and manager Matt Busby (injured).

Satated, from left, are outside-right John Berry (injured); forward Bill Whelan (dead); full-back and captain Roger Byrne (dead); winger David Pegg (dead); half-back Eddie Colman (dead).—London Express Photo.

Replacements

The half-back replacements for the late Eddie Colman and Duncan Edwards are ready—made in Freddie Goodwin and young Wilf McGuinnie.

Both these men are "revered" only in the Manchester United sense. With any other club they would have been automatic first team choices. With the addition of Gregg in goal and Foulkes at right full back, Jimmy Murphy will start with a nucleus of a defence as good as any in England or Scotland or Wales.

In attack, however, he is sure only of the "I" of his of Bobby Charlton. Of the once star-studded corps of forward talent, Tommy Taylor, Bill Whelan and David Pegg are dead, and the footballing future of Albert Scanlon, Johnny Berry, Dennis Viollet and Ken Morgan are in considerable doubt.

Reconstruction of the forward line is going to be Jimmy Murphy's biggest task. Yet here again he is by no means bankrupt of talent—even though his talent is still mostly immature.

Some of the people paying their respects at Maine Road—United supporters among them—had not been there for years.

Would Not Have

I have read that the virtues of the United crash would not have wanted matches postponed. Mark Pearson, 18-year-old inside-forward, is another close to first team standard.

For utility man Murphy has Welsh international Colin Webster, who has had considerable first team experience.

He says: "I prefer centre-half, my position for Wales, I shall insist on playing there if I am transferred."

It might suit Chelsea. They could move John Mortimore from the middle back to his old place of right-half.

SOCER NEWS

Mel Charles To Ask For A Transfer At The End Of The Season?

By JAMES CONNOLY

London.

Swansea's Welsh international half-back Mel Charles, whom Chelsea are anxious to sign, is to ask for a transfer if his club are relegated at the end of the season.

He says, "I don't think Swansea would let me go at the moment. But if we go down I would ask for a transfer in order to keep in a higher class of football."

Swansea are at the bottom of the Second Division. Their chance of going down will not be lessened by the transfer of star outside-left Cliff Jones.

Chelsea manager Ted Drake was at the Wales-Israel World Cup-Cup in Cardiff to press his claims for both Jones and Charles. I believe he is more interested in Charles, of whom he says: "At one time I thought that he was going to be an even better proposition than his brother, John Charles."

For Swansea Charles has been playing at right-half and he had a spell at centre-forward. He says: "I prefer centre-half, my position for Wales, I shall insist on playing there if I am transferred."

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A Rival

Seventeen-year-old John Mitten, who deputised for his father, player-manager Charlie Mitten, in the Mansfield Town team against Cup giant-killers Darlington the other week, has a rival in his younger brother, Charlie junior, a Mansfield Schools footballer.

Young Charlie is an insatiable forward and is reputed to be able to kick a dead ball almost as hard as his famous, ex-international father—which is saying a lot!

Who gets the Newcastle manager's job? My tip-off is that Alec Stock, former Roma and Leyton Orient boss, is top of the list.

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Attack Leader

Brian Clough will be England's next attack leader... that's what they are saying in Middlesbrough. Tom Finney is sure to get the job... that's what they say in Preston.

My money is on Finney, but Middlesbrough chief Bob Dennison says: "Brian is ripe for a full international career now." His present form little helps, above further trials in either the Under-23's or England "B". I reckon he is the best young centre-forward in the country now."

England selectors have watched Clough closely in recent weeks. The go-ahead spearhead certainly knows the way to the target.

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An Early Bid

Expect Newcastle to make an early bid for Jack Henderson, Portsmouth's Scottish international forward.

Newcastle have searched desperately all season for a centre-forward and a left-winger. Henderson can play in either position.

What is the secret of West Bromwich Albion's ability to win games during a match without any loss of rhythm?

Vic Buckingham thinks that their six-a-side football during training has a lot to do with it.

"The boys are very keen on this game," he told me. "They have teams of their own and often come back in the afternoon to play off one of their matches."

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ICE HOCKEY

Oalo, Feb. 20. Canada beat Norway 5-0 in an international ice hockey match here tonight.—Reuter.

THE ACCENT WILL BE ON ATTACK

NOW ZIP RUGBY IS ON THE WAY

By PAT MARSHALL

Rugby, as we played it in our school days, is dead. Rugby as you saw it at Twickenham recently is dead too—or it will be when the new season opens next September.

In its place—a speeded-up, streamlined game, with the accent on ATTACK.

The International Board—representatives of each of the four Home Unions plus Australia, South Africa and New Zealand—spent four days considering 48 pages of suggested amendments, and they have really gone to town.

Sir Wavell Wakefield, one of the two English representatives of the Board (the other is Bill Bambridge), told me: "The guiding principle throughout all our deliberations has been to make Rugby both a better game to play and to watch."

So what? If it's a good law why quibble if the League boys thought of it first.

And when the ball rolls free after a tackle a man can pick it up if he wants to instead of first having to tap it with his foot. Remember: *Rugby is a handling game*.

But best of all is the adoption of the suggestion that both hookers should have an equal chance when the ball is put into a scrum.

Speed-Up

Above all this will speed up the game. Now both sides will be striving for the ball and in consequence both sets of wing forwards will show instead of looking and both back lines will play and swing the balance in favour of the team wishing to attack."

Almost all the changes are to become law. The fumbled knock-on, the extension of the advantage law, the added scope for the short penalty... the added punishment for the delayed tackle.

More improvements were suggested. None have been definitely thrown out. Sir Wavell said: "Quietly, during the next three years, we'll try them out, experiment, then get together again and compare notes."

This Rugby game is a growing child. The new laws are just another step forward—not the ultimate.

THE NEW RUGBY LAWS

Laws 2 and 14. T HE KNOCK-ON: MINOR CHANGES INCLUDE:

A mark can be made if the ball rebounds first from post or cross-bar.

Shoulder pads—other than for protection after serious injury—are banned.

The referee shall not stop play if ball or player touches him if he considers neither side has gained an advantage.

The head of a player in the front row of a scrum must not be next to the head of a team mate.

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Century By Alim-Ud-Din At Kingston

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 21.

A century by Alim-Ud-Din, a regular opening batsman, dropped to number six in the order, helped the Pakistan touring cricket team take a first innings lead of 130 runs over Jamaica on the second day of their match here.

Alim-Ud-Din scored 107 in Pudistan's total of 207 scored in reply to Jamaica's first innings of 167.

At the close Jamaica had scored 12 for no wicket in their second innings.

Alim-Ud-Din, who batted for three hours and 32 minutes and had 17 boundaries, had an escape before scoring, being dropped at 14; slip off the spinner, R. Scarlett.

Wazir Mohammad, who scored 41, helped him put on 90 for the fifth wicket.

Pakistan scored the 230 runs they added today in four and a half hours.—Reuter.

ARCARO RIDES HIS 4,000TH WINNER

Arcadia, California, Feb. 20. Eddie Arcaro, 41-year-old American jockey, rode his 4,000th winner here today.

He is the third jockey to reach this target. The others were Johnny Longden, the Yorkshire-born rider who has won 5,091 races in the United States, and Britain's Sir Gordon Richards, whose score was 4,870.—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Feb. 20. Results in today's football matches were:

FA Cup Fifth Round Replay: Blackburn Rovers 2, Cardiff City 1. (Winners at home to Liverpool).

League Two: Leyton Orient 1, West Ham United 4.

League Three North: Scunthorpe United 3, Hull City 0.—Reuter.

ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM OUT

Aussies Go To Fantastic Lengths To Prepare For An International Contest

Says DEREK JOHN

London.

Australians win the rubber against South Africa....Australians retain the Davis Cup....Three Australians break nine world swimming records....Two Australians run a sub-four-minute mile.

All this in the course of the past eight weeks. It has become impossible to keep Australian sportsmen and women out of the news.

What's the secret behind this outstanding record in the world of sport? How does one country manage to produce such giants of sport as Lew Hoad, Mal Anderson, Ashley Cooper, Ilsa and Jon Konrads, Dawn Fraser, Herb Elliott and Merv Lincoln.

Most of all, it seems to be the result of a policy of "start them young and train them hard." Other countries have very promising youngsters, but many are afraid of rushing them along too quickly.

Not so in Australia. When they find an outstanding youngster they submit him to a rigorous training programme and often make him compete against much older players.

Take, for example, those amazing "water babies," Ilsa and Jon Konrads. Neither of them could swim at all when they arrived in Australia from Latin America seven years ago. But in four years, under Sydney coach Don Talbot, they had both reached world class.

The performances of Ilsa, 13, and Jon, 15, have made coaches in other countries wonder whether they have been unnecessarily cautious. Many young international swimmers train for one or two hours a day, but the Australian swimming stars train for at least five hours a day—every day—without harmful effect.

Great Record

There are other reasons for Australia's great record in sport. It is a recognised fact that their youngsters mature at an unusually early age. Obvious examples: Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall, who at 18 became the youngest-ever winners of the Wimbledon Doubles Championship.

The Australians are also extremely competitive-minded and will go to almost fantastic lengths to prepare for an international contest. For instance, I hear that the Australians have been timing British laces in preparation for the bowls events in the British Empire Games in Cardiff, Wales, next July. They hope to produce the same kind of conditions at home for practice games.

In tennis, the Australian coaches have been the first to make use of a robot tennis machine which is capable of producing almost every known stroke in the game, from any direction and at different speeds. You've got to hand it to these Aussies. They are really keen.

Astonishing

The astonishing Jean Borotra of France, now in his 50th year, has told his friends that he has every intention of competing in the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships this year. It will be his 29th appearance—easily a record.

Borotra first entered Wimbledon in 1922 and appeared every year until 1955, except 1946 and 1947.

He has won every possible Wimbledon title—the singles twice (1924 and 1929); the men's doubles three times (1925, 1932, and 1933); and the mixed doubles once (with Susan Lenglen in 1925). He was also three times runner-up for the singles title.

How can he continue to play first-class tennis at the age of 59? The secret seems to be the special exercises he has done every morning of his life. He is still as fit as most men half his age; his biggest handicap is failing sight.

The beret-wearing Borotra now plays in spectacles and at Wimbledon confines his activities to the men's and mixed doubles. But don't imagine he is too old for singles. In a recent French tournament, the famous veteran almost beat Gerard Pilet, who is his junior by 35 years.

Important Matches

The programme for England's cricket tour of Australia this year has still not been decided owing to differences between the MCC and the Australian Board of Control. The MCC want longer breaks between important matches.

Mr S. C. Griffith, Assistant MCC Secretary, says: "We have agreed to play the second and third Test matches over Christmas and the New Year. But we are reluctant to agree to the completion of three six-day Tests, plus travel, within four weeks."

The Australians, it seems, are choosing the dates most likely to produce big attendances. But the MCC are not likely to relent. With three Tests scheduled within a month, England

would be in serious trouble if their party were hit by injuries.

Another problem for the MCC is provided by South Africa's request for an England Cup since its inception. Chelsea, as the 1954-5 champions, bowed to the Committee's wishes and refused the invitation to compete.

United, however, took part last season and netted at least £40,000 from their fight through to the semi-final against Real Madrid.

Will Manchester United continue in the European Cup this year? It all depends on the draw. If their opponents are in easy reach by sea and rail, United expect to play. But if their match involves an air trip, they may decide to withdraw.

Rocket Bat

While South Africa has too little international cricket, England has almost too much. This year England welcomes touring teams from New Zealand and Fiji and faces an Australia tour immediately afterwards.

In August England plays against the West Indies (1959-60), India and Pakistan (1961-2), and Australia (1962-3).

"Off-duty" winters are 1960-1 and 1963-4, in accordance with the MCC's agreement with the county clubs that there will be one year in three free of touring abroad.

The MCC will not change this arrangement, for England's players—and their wives—must have a break from cricket. But I understand the MCC would be willing to send an "A" team on a South African tour in 1960-1.

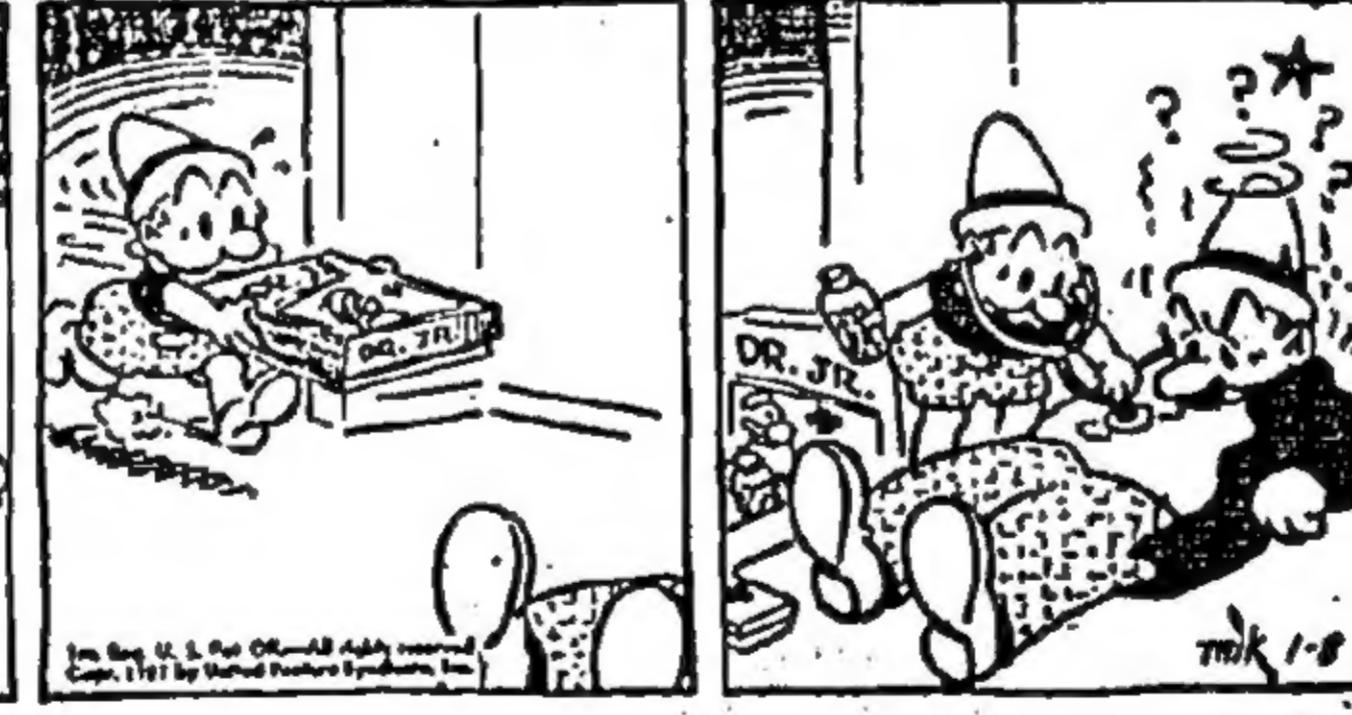
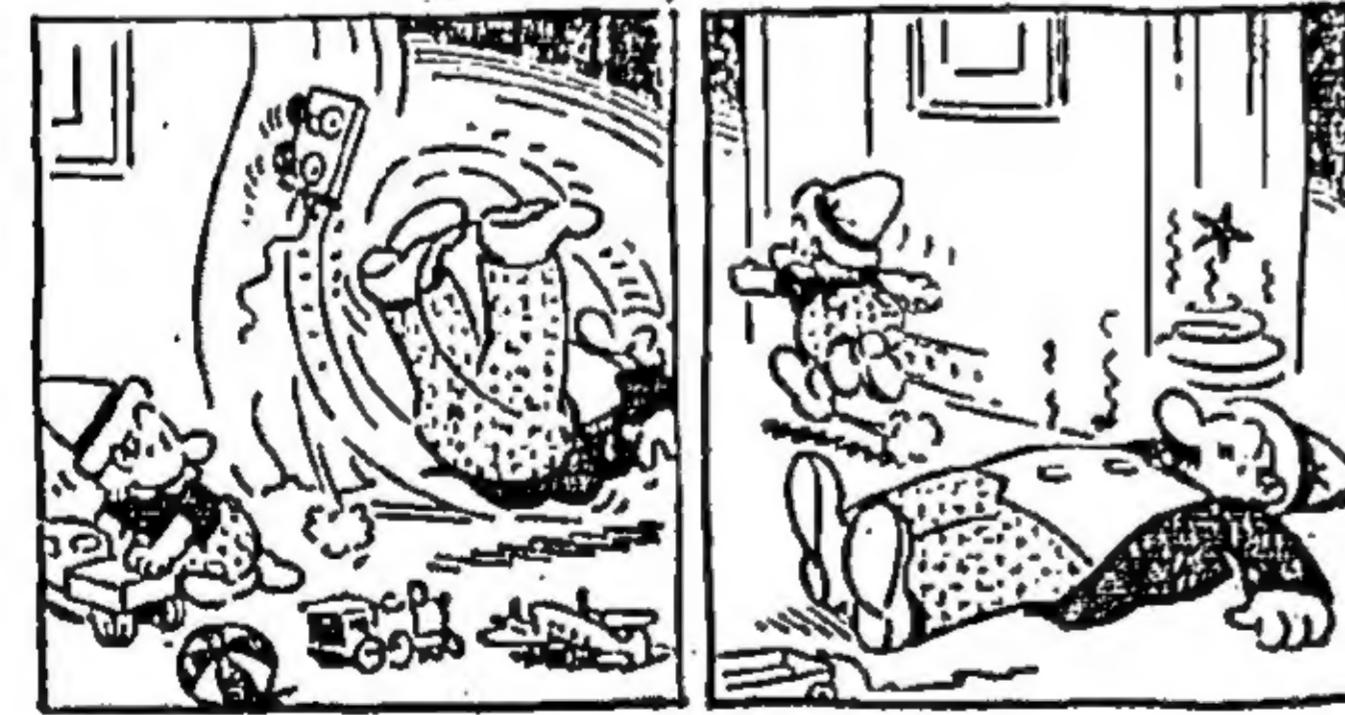
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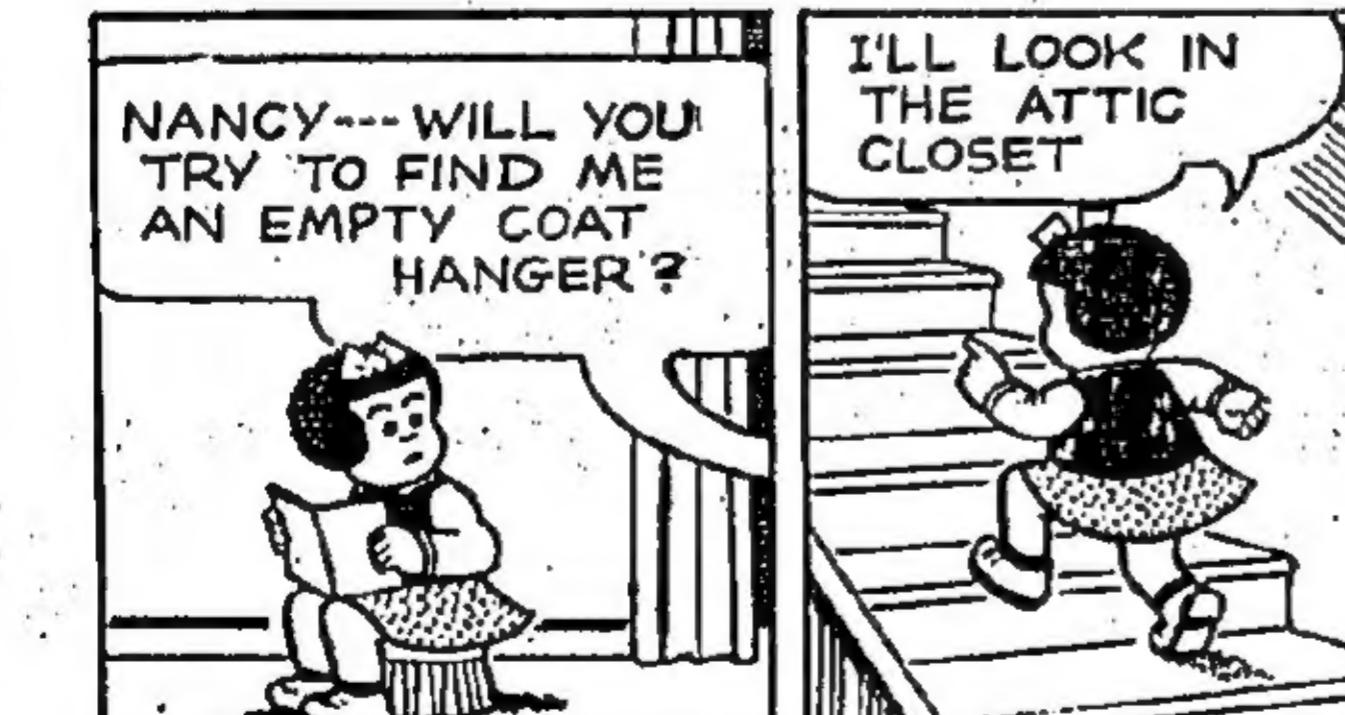
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HOME SOCCER FIXTURES

The following are the Home soccer fixtures for tomorrow:

First Division
Arsenal v Birmingham
Aston Villa v Chelsea
Blackpool v Wednesday
Bolton W. v West Brom.
Brentford v Portsmouth
Leeds v Manchester C.
Luton v Manchester U.
Middlesbrough v Nottingham
Sunderland v Burnley
Wolverhampton v Birmingham

Second Division
Boro v Stoke
Brentford v Liverpool
Derby v Doncaster
Fulham v Grimsby
Ipswich v Macclesfield
Notts C. v Leyton
Sheffield v Cardiff
Swindon v Coventry
Walsall v Peterborough

Third Division (South)
Aldershot v Walsall
Birkenhead v Colchester
Gillingham v W. Bromwich
Newport v Shrewsbury
Plymouth v Northampton
Queen's P.R. v Southampton
Southend v Coventry
Bournemouth v Crystal Palace

Third Division (North)
Bradford C. v Tranmere
Bury v Bury
Darlington v Accrington
Gateshead v Carlisle
Hull v Grimsby
Mansfield v Chester
Hornchurch v Southport
Stockport v Bredford
Worthing v Chesterfield
Wrexham v Barrow

Scottish League "A"
Aberdeen v Falkirk
Clyde v Raith
Fife v St Mirren
Hibernian v Celtic
Kilmarnock v Hibernian
Motherwell v Queen's Park
Third Lanark v Partick

Scottish League "B"
Albion v Montrose
Ayr v Dumfries
Ayrton v Hamilton
Birchin v St Johnstone
Cowdenbeath v Dundee
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DEATHS

LANG—Mrs. Katherine Lang, aged 84, passed peacefully away last Friday, 1958. Mother of the late Mr. John C. Lang, late Deponent at the International Funeral Parlour, Corlett will pass the Monument at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd February, for interment at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley. No flowers by request.

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THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 28th day of February to 14th day of March, 1958, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 10th Jan., 1958.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"PELEUS"
Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Faulkner & Davy-Davy at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on February 22 and 24, 1958, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

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Traffic Conditions Become Chaotic

Tokyo (By Airmail)

JAPANESE place considerable emphasis on their "advancement," "culture" and the more recently acquired "democracy." They are equally proud of the beauties of the land and their own "good manners."

However, anyone who is keen to make a study of the nation and its people should take some note of the following set of figures prior to arrival in this enlightened land with its millions of courteous inhabitants.

During 1957 there were a total of 140,833 traffic accidents in Japan, according to the National Police Agency. A solid 7,575 citizens lost their lives through these while a veritable horde of 124,530 were injured. I should mention here that anyone who doesn't die at the scene of the accident doesn't rate among the attributable dead if he should pass away from his injuries on the way to the hospital, so it is safe to assume quite an addition could be made to the list of dead.

Security

Automobiles accounted for 78 per cent of the total. Tourist and other buses were involved in 153 major accidents in which 1,047 people were killed, facts which are not very surprising to a sense of security anywhere but in a hotel bar, as a visitor needs the greatest personal courage to negotiate street crossings, let alone ride in a bus or taxi.

One columnist scoffed at the South Polar trek of Hillary and Macmillan, swearing that neither could make the journey from the Imperial Hotel to Hibiki Park across A. Ave—even using their penguins and Sno-cats.

The shocking traffic conditions, plus the frightful noise in the cities and resort towns make the virtuous claims of the Japanese sound very hollow. The police themselves say that "lack of consideration for others" is mostly to blame for the slaughter. Yet they go nothing to correct the situation except to have an annual "Safety Week" during which period the mortality rate seems to rise even higher as the confusion is compounded by the thousands of police who basically do not know how to drive a car let alone intercept those who are attempting to.

Our big "international intrigue" ended with President Sukarno walking aboard a plane all in one piece much to the relief of the police who had been standing a 24-hour guard over him and his entourage after alleged threats of assassination had been made. The "Young Colonels" departed the day previously after lending newspaper reported a merry dance with their various statements, claims and threats—and simultaneous denials of each. But there was more than met the eye in this

strange visit, and we may well have the colonels back with us again to continue their rather mysterious errands.

Bedeviling

The Socialists were still bedeviling Prime Minister Kishi in the Diet. This time it was over the reparations payments to Vietnam. Last year Japan made a large settlement with France over the issue of military script through the Banque de l'Indochine during Japan's occupation of the territory. The Socialists claim that any further payments to Vietnam would constitute "double indemnity" and they also raised the point that Vietnam was not specified in this latest offer.

The muddled replies angered the Socialists who resorted to their favourite trick of walking out of the House. My faithful "follower" would get thoroughly soaked during such lessons. Another game was to suddenly turn into a narrow alleyway, then stop. The flatfoot would then race wildly after you, and if you timed it properly, you could actually bump into him as you walked out again. Time has somewhat tempered my ardour for such amusements and I don't quite believe we will have this kind of thing again. But I do rather believe that foreigners Japan will find themselves less welcome with the years.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SHANGHAI NOSTALGIA

To The Editor, China Mail.

Sir,—Reading John Laff's brief reference to the Amethyst Affair in "The Last Days of Shanghai," which appeared in last Saturday's issue, I found myself flooded with memories of the part that Shanghai was to play immediately after the unfortunate incident. And this has induced me to think back to those days, and to share with your readers that never-to-be-forgotten scene, of which I was an interested spectator, of the arrival in Shanghai of the survivors of that ship after their harrowing ordeal up the Yangtze River. I was there because, as Chief Reporter of "The North China Daily News" (Editor, the late Mr. R. T. Peyton-Griffith), I had been assigned the job of covering Shanghai North Station, where the train bearing the men who had "got out" was due to arrive, while Mr. George S. A. Vine (Assistant Editor and I.N.S. Correspondent) tackled the diplomatic levels, or such as there existed in Shanghai.

The whole operation was carried out as quickly as possible, and as soon as one ambulance or truck was full, it was whisked away to its pre-arranged destination. In less than half an hour, everything was over at North Station, but what followed was a chaotic ambulance job for the gentlemen of the Press.

The more seriously wounded of the men were rushed to the USS Consolation and the lesser to the Country Hospital, while the rest were taken to the British Consulate. When the news of the Amethyst incident reached the newspapers, reached the Consulate, they were with the announcement that the men were "tricked to a cup of tea" at the residence of the Consul-General, Sir Robert Urquhart. This was, in effect, a notice of dismissal to the local reporters, who then rushed back to their offices to turn in their first reports of the presence in Shanghai of the Amethyst heroes.

A few days later I was also there at the Hungtiao Cemetery where a huge gathering of the people of Shanghai had assembled to pay final tribute to those who had died. I use the term "the people of Shanghai" because, after the dead had been consigned to their graves and the living turned to go home, I noticed that, besides the British, every foreign community in Shanghai—American, French, Portuguese, and others—had come to pay their respects to the Amethyst heroes.

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In summoning up remembrance of these things past, I renew contact with the Shanghai of "the good old days" which, though we all know are gone and will never return, yet we find hard to forget.

MARTINHO-MARQUES.

From the Files

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LONDON—Sir Eric Geddes, Chairman of the Imperial Airways, who arrived at Croydon from a tour of inspection of the Imperial Airways' route to South Africa, said he saw no reason why, within the next two or three years, every portion of the Empire should not be linked up by air. He prophesied that the Imperial Airways would, in that time, have regular air mail service across the Atlantic, linking up Canada, and so on across the Pacific to other parts of the British Dominions.

An interesting rifle shooting match took place between USS Fulton and the Range Staff at Stonecutters on Sunday (Feb. 14), each competitor firing two shots at each range using his own rifle in one and his opponent's in the other. The result was a win for the Range Staff by 10-880-601.

SYDNEY—Leaping on to each shark hook and hooking his feet around the body, then riding it skilfully as it frantically dashed up and down the enclosed area till it gave up the fight through sheer exhaustion. Mr. Roy Wilson captured three sharks in the Sandgate Baths recently. The sharks were of the shovel-nosed variety and ranged from six feet to nine feet in length. They entered the man's bath in Sandgate Pier following a very high tide. This variety of shark is quite harmless unless cornered.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

UTILITIES FAIRLY ACTIVE
Market Opens
After Holidays
On Steady Note

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange opened after the holidays on a steady note with utilities tending to harden.

There were fractional price changes over the holidays and the tally was eight higher, eight unchanged and eight lower, compared with five higher, nine unchanged and ten lower last week.

With only two and a half days of business, turnover was down to \$2.83 million compared with \$2.66 million last week.

Reflection

Utilities were fairly active over the week. Trams tacking on 30 cents with sales yesterday at \$24.00. This was a reflection of Trams' increased dividend this year of 20 cents.

On the other hand Telephones went down to \$27.10 on the announcement of their dividend and bonus which was similar to last year's. This share, however, recovered quickly to close yesterday at \$27.40—a gain of ten cents on the week.

Hongkong Telephones declared a dividend of \$1.50 plus cash bonus of 25 cents. Last year the dividend was \$1.50 plus a cash bonus of 25 cents for old shares and a dividend of 75 cents and a bonus of 12½ cents for new shares. Appropriation for this year's dividend and bonus will be \$5,250,000 compared with \$4,287,500 last year, nearly \$1 million more.

Cements, which announced a dividend of \$3 compared with \$4 last year, had a sale yesterday at \$25.00, which was a loss of 50 cents on the week.

Restricted

Here is an Ice House Street observer's account of the market:

In a week restricted to only two and a half days trading little interest was displayed in the Stock Market and consequently price movements either way were negligible. However, the underdone generally appeared quite steady.

Utilities found most support with Telephones, China Lights and Trams fairly active.

Telephones dropped 20 cents on the announcement of a similar dividend and bonus as last year, namely, \$1.50 and 25 cents but quickly recovered after the holidays when a number of issues showed a slightly firmer tendency. The Televere Electric, Trams, China Lights, Humphreys and Wheelocks Other firm spots were in Docks and Lane Crawfords. Elsewhere there was little of note to report.

HONGKONG
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Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$238,000. Noon quotations and the morning's trading were:

Shares Buyers Sellers Sales

BANKS 500 22 0 02

INSURANCES 71

SHIPBUILDING 119

MATERIALS 0.30

DOCKS, ETC. 1.35

K. Wharf 120

Docks 51.50

Prudential 12.00

LAND, ETC. 12.00 12.00

HK Bank 10.50 10.50

Union 33.00 34.25

Humphreys 10.40 10.40

Ready 1.35

RADIO ETC. 1.25 1.25

UTILITIES 3000 0 125

Trams 24.50 24.70

Lane, Craw 27.00 27.20

Telephone 27.20 27.30

Cement 25.00 25.25

Dairy 16.50 16.50

Hope 14.00

Watson 16.50 16.50

Lane, Craw 18.50

Textiles 4.50 4.00

MISCELLANEOUS 1.50

VESTMENTS 11.50

H. & F. E. 0.80

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Record HK Cloth Imports Into UK CHINA OUSTS JAPAN FOR THIRD PLACE

Government Appointments

The following postings, transfers, appointments and promotions in the various Government departments were notified in today's Government Gazette.

Legal

Mr M. Heenan, Senior Crown Counsel, to be Acting Solicitor-General during the absence of Mr Hoole.

Post Office

Mr A. G. Crook, Deputy Postmaster-General, to be Acting Postmaster-General in from February 20, vice Mr L. C. Saville who is on leave prior to retirement; consequently, Mr C. G. Folwell, Chief Postal Accountant, to be Acting Deputy Postmaster-General in addition to his substantive duties.

Police

Mr P. J. Clough to be Assistant Superintendent of Police, on transfer from the Federation of Malaya.

Mr C. Willcox, Senior Superintendent of Police, returned duty on February 3 on returning from leave; consequently, Mr A. Morrison, Superintendent, ceased to act as Senior Superintendent.

Education

Miss M. P. Taylor to be a school mistress.

Mr Andrew Magdalino to be an Education Officer as from January 9. Mr Magdalino arrived in Hongkong on February 8.

Public Health

Dr Chan Ngai-tung to be Medical Officer.

Public Works

Mr G. C. Dovey to be a Building Surveyor on probation as from January 9. Mr Dovey arrived here on February 8.

Audit

Mr Percy Thomas Warr to be Principal Auditor on transfer from the Federation of Malaya. The appointment was dated January 9 and Mr Warr arrived in Hongkong on February 8.

The Chinese People's Republic has now ousted Japan as the third biggest supplier to the United Kingdom of cotton grey cloth (unprocessed cloth.)

Imports of this cloth from China has now become large enough to be included in the Board of Trade's monthly statistical list and in January no less than 6.3 million square yards came from China compared with 1.2 million a year ago and only 455,000 yards two years ago.

This was not the only feature of Britain's imports in January. Imports from Hongkong reached what is believed to be the record total of 8.7 million square yards against 5.6 million in January 1957 and 4.8 million in January 1956.

Imports of cotton grey cloth from India, too, kept well up to the average in January with a total of 13.8 million square yards, against 12.3 million a year ago and 8.5 million two years ago but those from Japan dropped sharply to the lowest monthly total for more than a year, only 2.8 million square yards arriving in January, compared with 5.6 million a year ago and 3.1 million two years ago.

These books were written, printed and published in Hongkong, according to today's Government Gazette.

Total United Kingdom cotton grey cloth imports last month

were well up to the average at 33.3 million square yards, compared with 31.3 million in January last year and 20.1 million two years ago.

The large imports of grey cotton cloth from China supplies still another headache for the Lancashire cotton industry, which has repeatedly expressed concern over the rising imports of cloth from the Far East but it is possible that even Lancashire will be surprised at the size of the imports which get official tabulation for the first time since the war.

Books Printed

Nearly 300 publications in Chinese for various tastes in the literary field, including translations and school textbooks were published in the last three months of last year.

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Lennox-Boyd May Retire From Politics



SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Exercise? Why, if I had this little car, just think of the exercise I'd get scrubbing and polishing it up!"

"A Question Of Fact" Was Not An Experiment

By JOHN LUFT

There was quite a lot of chattering as the curtain fell last night upon the first performance of the Garrison Players production of "A Question of Fact."

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OPEN SECRET

"Last August he had an operation for the removal of the gall bladder.

"Mr Lennox-Boyd, 53, sits in Parliament for Mid-Bedfordshire. It is an open secret that he does not mean to fight the next general election. Instead, he will turn to the affairs of the great Guinness enterprise—his wife, Lady Patricia, is a Guinness.

"Many of his associates now believe that Mr Lennox-Boyd's return to business will come sooner than he at first intended."—London Express Service.

Casting

First take the casting of Mollie Crosbie. Up to now she has been typed as the cheerful housewife. In this play she is the central figure from whom the other players pivot. In one of the best bits of theatre I have seen for a long time, the playwright holds her back for a whole scene until the audience is longing to see what the woman is like.

Regarding production. The pace is too slow in the beginning, in fact Roger Needell should speed it up all round and heighten the gathering tension of the play. But I give it for what it is worth; I have not enjoyed a play so much for many a long day.

Contractors

The Government Gazette today listed the following contractors as having been included in the contractors' register kept by the Building Authority:

Messrs Lee Fung Construction Co. of 18, Graham Street, ground floor; Messrs Leung Shing Kee Building Contractor of 26, Lan Kwai Fong, ground floor; Messrs Wah Sang Tai of 128, Kennedy Road, ground floor; and Messrs Wah Yuen Construction Co. of 18, Bonham Strand West.

New Bank

The Banque Nationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie has been granted a licence by the Governor in Council to carry on banking business in Hongkong, today's Government Gazette states.

Promotions

Sgt. W. L. T. Crunden and Col N. Leigh-Bennett of the Hongkong Regiment have been promoted to 2/Lieutenants as from February 6, today's Government Gazette states.

Midwives Board

Mrs Lovinia Lai Man-fong was appointed a Member of the Midwives Board as from March 1, vice Miss May Wong who resigned, according to today's Government Gazette.

A Chinese woman was stopped and robbed of a wrist watch by a man on the staircase at No. 18 Kimberley Street at 10 p.m. yesterday.

Robert Reid is a kind of Hamlet-like figure in the play. Haunted by a sense of tragedy and subconscious fears he is afraid to face. His performance must be judged by what you expect from such a part. The days of great soliloquy are over. He reveals himself in snatches of conversation and bursts of

Legal Submissions In Suit Against Wheeloock Marden

Further legal submissions in support of the plaintiff's case were given before Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Supreme Court this morning in the suit for \$960,000 against Wheeloock, Marden and Co., Ltd., involving the motor vessel Lady Wolmer.

The amount claimed comprises the value of the ship and general damages for her alleged decline and conversion.

The Lady Wolmer, a 1,883-ton merchantman, was stranded on May 19, 1953, off Cheju Island, near the South Korean coast, and was abandoned as total loss on May 22.

Plaintiff is Mr Alexander Kwong, trading as Roland and Co., of 22 Tsin Tze Muil Road, North Point. He is represented by Mr Bruce Bernacchi and Mr Richard Winter, both instructed by Mr M. E. Ives, of Peter Mo and Co.

Wheeloock, Marden and Co., Ltd., are represented by Mr John McNelli and Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr F. G. Nigel, of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Bare Allegation

Continuing his submissions from yesterday, Mr Bernacchi contended on the question of misrepresentation, that the only allegation of misrepresentation in the present case was the bare allegation by the defendants that there had in fact been a misrepresentation on the part of the plaintiff.

Counsel said it was not alleged either that by reason of such misrepresentation the defendants were entitled to avoid the contract.

Mr Bernacchi went on to refer to a paragraph of the statement of defence and two of its subsections and contended that the effect was that the defendants could not legally pass the beneficial interest in the vessel to the plaintiff, and that they therefore did not do so.

Not Concerned

He maintained that the Court was not concerned in this action with what the defendants could or could not legally have done.

The plaintiff, he said, was not suing for the enforcement of the agreement; he was suing with regard to conversion in respect of the defendants' subsequent wrongful act in taking the vessel away from the plaintiff.

Mr Bernacchi submitted that a beneficial owner was just as much an owner as a registered owner, even though an agreement to transfer was not an actual transfer within the meaning of the penalty clauses of the Merchant Shipping Act.

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